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Central Master Machine File - Sino Soviet Bloc Equipment Designation

Many segments of the intelligence community are continually interested in the designations and nomenclatures of Sino-Soviet Bloc equipment types of all kinds in their conduct of intelligence research. It is known that at least some of these segments attempt, in varying degrees, to maintain card files of these data to serve their needs. Among those segments are NSA, ATIC, CIB/S/COM, St/PM.

Community interest in the subject has increased in recent months. The EIC Subcommittee on Electronics and Telecommunications has had under consideration the advisability of their being established somewhere centrally in the intelligence community a master machine card file on Sino-Soviet Bloc equipments, which would include among all equipments those of concern to this particular EIC Subcommittee. The general conception seems to be that all segments of the intelligence community would feed such data as they discover into the centralized point for processing into the central master machine file. Periodically, the central point would reproduce the file in whole or in part to serve the various needs of users in and out of Washington.

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